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For: IMPROVED MICROBIAL PREPARATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

- 1 3. (Amended) The microbial preparation according to claim 1 further
2 including resistant starch.

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[Please amend claim 4 as follows:]

- 1 4. (Amended) The microbial preparation according to claim 1 wherein
2 the resistant starch is type RS1, RS2, RS3 or RS4.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

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1 11. (Amended) The microbial preparation according to claim 5 wherein
2 the starch is chemically, physically, and/or enzymically treated or modified.